

Trustee



Location: Attendance at 4 board meetings (mainly online but with 1-2 in London) each year, and in-person attendance at the Board strategy day.

You may also be required to attend the Council's annual general meeting and any other general meetings. Some Trustees also sit on the Board's Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

There may also be additional requirements upon appointment and periodically thereafter for training days in the Council's office in central London.

Remuneration: This is a voluntary unpaid role. Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed.

The Council of Deans of Health is a membership organisation and charity representing over 100 UK universities and colleges engaged in education and research for nursing, midwifery, and the allied health professions. At any one time, our members educate around 200,000 current and future professionals and carry out research that improves the population's health and wellbeing.

Our Board of Trustees is responsible for oversight of the administration and management of the Council, which is led by the CEO who is accountable to the Board. This includes setting and monitoring the implementation of the Council's strategy, and ensuring its financial sustainability and its compliance with legal requirements. The Board of Trustees will play an important role in taking forward the Council's strategy, overseeing the continued growth of the Council and ensuring its financial sustainability. We are looking for a new trustee with a range of skills and different life experiences gained from a broader background and wider discipline to join our energetic board. The successful candidate will need to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of charity law and regulation.

Key responsibilities:

- Contribute to the overall strategic direction of the Council, including taking forward the Council's agreed strategy.
- Ensure the Council complies with its governing document, company law, charity law and any other relevant legislation or regulations.
- Oversee the Council's financial management with the overall aim of achieving financial sustainability.
- Safeguard the organisation and advise on diversification of income to support the Council's development.
- Work effectively and collaboratively with the Chair and other Board members in providing support and effective scrutiny to the Council's senior staff team.

Some of the essential competencies we are looking for all Trustees:

- Demonstrate a commitment to understanding the Council's business, the sector context and wider policy issues across the four nations of the UK;
- Demonstrate excellent communication skills and an enabling, inclusive approach;
- Ability to think strategically and offer advice, guidance, support and constructive challenge to oversee the effective delivery of the Council's strategic objectives;
- Demonstrate a track record of collaborative working in an organisation with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders;
- Ideally, have experience at senior management or board level in other organisations and experience of charity governance.

Full details of the role and responsibilities required can be found in the link below. Please apply by visiting www.thewlisgraham.com/opportunities and following the instructions in the candidate brief quoting reference AC0401. The closing date is 20 May 2025 at 4pm.

Should you still require a confidential conversation with Sarah Thewlis or for any other information please email applications@thewlisgraham.com.